

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2004/001693

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority; namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-15
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :

Claim 1 is vague and unclear. The preamble of the claim is directed to a screening method for inhibitors of cathepsin S; whereas the claim body is directed to a screening method for compounds which bind to cathepsin S (inhibition of cathepsin S activity is not monitored). Therefore, only a cursory search was carried out.
3. ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observation where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

- 1) Claims 1-15: A method for identifying a compound as an inhibitor of cathepsin S activity.
- 2) Claims 16-19: Dipeptides of formula I

These two groups of inventions relate to different problems and different prior art must be considered. There is no technical relationship among them involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. Hence they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos. :
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos. : 1-15

It is noted that only a cursory search was carried out (see Box No. II for details).

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

C07C 245/18, C12Q 1/37, C12Q 1/02, G01N 33/60, G01N 33/573, C07F 13/00

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
C12Q, G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base, and, where practicable, search terms used)
WEST, Delphion, esp@cenet, NCBI PubMed

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	US5424205 (Dovey et al.) 13-06-1995 Claim 1	1
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Y	WO9740066 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) 30-10-1997 page 3, line 32; claims 20 and 27	4, 5, 13, 14

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐

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B FIELDS SEARCHED

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C DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A, P	GB 2,398,115 (POOLE) 11 August, 2004, see abstract and figure no 3	1 to 50
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vessel, vacuum, cryogenic, fuel*, liqu*, gas*, heat, leak, conduct*, metal*, axial, radial, support,
LNG, insulation, hub, tub*